State Govt. undertakings can put up their projects in the joint sector in association with private parties in accordance with the approved norms. Details of such projects are, however, not centrally maintained in the Ministry of Industry.

(d) As on 8-3-88, 87 and 16 industrial licence applications received for setting up of industries in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, respectively, were at various stages of processing. Every effort is made to dispose of such applications as expeditiously as possible.

Complaint Against M/s. Vijay Ratan Enterprises Gas Agency

1888. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Vijay Ratan Enterprises, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi takes 15 to 20 days to supply LPG refills and this has been the general practice during the last six months;

(b) if so, whether any enquiry will be made and steps taken to see that LPG refills are supplied at the earliest; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to (c) A temporary backlog had developed since November, 1987 on account of delivery boys of this distributor going on strike frequently. The disputes have since been resolved and the backlog has been considerably reduced.

दोहरे सिलेण्डरों वाले कनेक्शनों का जारी किया जाना

1889. **श्री सुनील कुमार पट्टनायक :** क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि इंडियन आयल कारपोरेशन ने काफी समय से दोहरे सिलेंडरों वाले कनेक्शन न और वाणिज्यिक गैस कनेक्शन जारी किये जाने पर प्रतिबंध लगा दिया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं और क्या सरकार इस प्रतिबंध को उठाने का विचार रखती है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो कब तक यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री रफीक आलम) : (क) से (ग) हाल ही के महीनों में थोक में एल०पी०जी० की उपलब्धता में कमी होने के कारण डबल बाटलिंग कनेक्शन तथा वाणिज्यिक गैस कनेक्शन देना अस्थायी रूप से बन्द कर दिये गये थे । स्थिति की समीक्षा की गई है और एल०पी०जी० की उपलब्धता में हुए सुधार को देखते हुये घरेलू उपभोक्ताओं के लिए डी०बी०सी० जारी करना आरम्भ कर दिया है ।

Complaint Against LPG Dealers

1890. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received by Government against LPG dealers for compelling the consumers to purchase burners/hot plates from them during the current financial year; and

(b) the details of action taken against these dealers?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) A total number of 579 complaints were received by the Oil Companies from customers regarding distributors' compelling them to purchase gas burners/hot plates during the current financial year upto 31st December, 1987;

(b) Complaints received by the Oil Companies against LPG distributors are investigated promptly wherever